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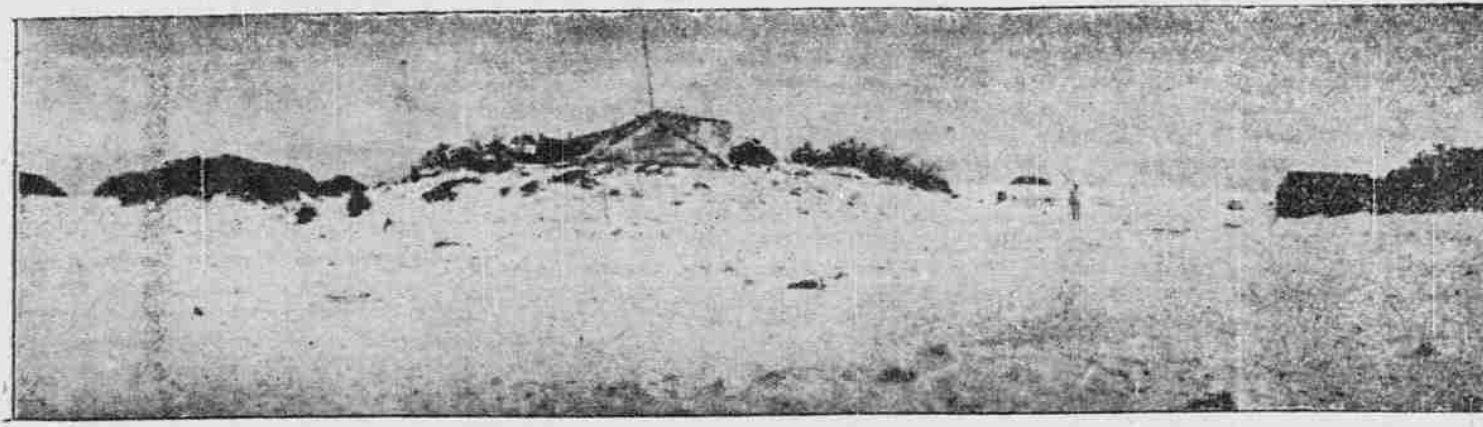
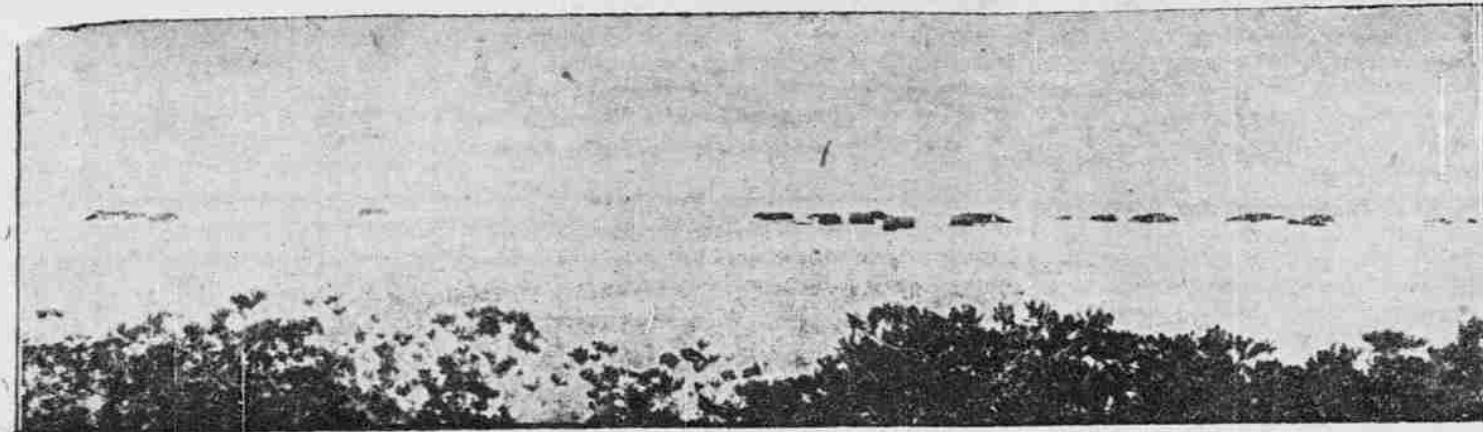
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# BASEBALL ON MIDWAY ISLAND



SCENES ON MIDWAY ISLAND, WHERE MEN PLAY BASEBALL ON STRETCHES OF DEEP SHIFTING SAND.

Midway Island, though a small, lone sandspot, almost a dot in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, was one of the most patriotic portions of the United States on the Fourth of July. In fact, for the size of Uncle Sam's little cable island, there was probably more patriotism to the square inch there than anywhere else in the Federal domain.

Owing to the presence of the detachment of the United States marines, the large staff of the cable colony, the force of men erecting the new steel buildings to be used as cable offices and the helpers and servants, there was quite a large population to celebrate the Fourth.

The constitution is always said to be the first thing to follow the flag, but in this case it was the national game of baseball. Small as Midway is, and as far as she was from other civilized portions of the world, the national game was the feature of amusement on Midway on the Fourth, and it was the first time in world's history that baseball was played so near the middle of the Pacific.

The game was a hot one, according to the report which came to Honolulu by cable. In fact the game must have reached a very torrid temperature for the players had such a hot argument on one of the plays that they had to cable for a referee. The argument resulted over the following condition, which was cabled to Honolulu for a decision on the point at issue:

"Argument here on baseball. Three men on bases. Catcher misses at batter's third strike. Can he put third baseman out by touching home plate? Stop batter of course out on strikes. Is it necessary for anybody to run? Is anybody forced off base? Please reply. Game on today between Marines and contractor's men. The Marines have been practicing every evening, and they have a fair battery."

The reply was that the batter was not out until touched by the ball or thrown to first base and put out there.

It will also be a matter of history that this first game on Midway was not won by either side as the score stood 11 to 11 when darkness ensued and stopped the fun.

The cable men say nothing about the number of balls lost in the ocean by being batted out too far.

Baseball men here wonder just how much room there is on Midway for a baseball match, and whether any reward is offered to a batter to knock the ball over the fielders' heads into the ocean beyond.

The queer thing is that this game of baseball away out in the middle of the Pacific was held up while a query on rules was cabled to Honolulu for a decision. The decision cabled back, the game was resumed.

A wag said yesterday that perhaps the Midway Island team can play in the Honolulu League, cabling in their movements.

## "DON'T BE A CLAM."

At the dinner of the Periodical Publishers' Association in Washington, at which President Roosevelt, the great exponent and advocate of the "strenuous life," was present, Dr. Henry van Dyke made a good-natured "grind" on the President which, we are informed, caused the latter to laugh so heartily that it looked for a moment as if he would fall out of his chair.

Mr. Mabie introduced Dr. Henry van Dyke as the man that puts fishing into good literature and literature into good fishing. Dr. van Dyke told ludicrously how he would write about the clam for different American magazines. An essay on the pronunciation of the word clam for "Harper's"; an essay on the superiority of the cod to the clam for the "Atlantic Monthly"; the clam trust for "McClure's"; the clam in the tenement houses among the Italians for the "Century"; and the clam in society for the "Smart Set." Dr. van Dyke said he would contribute to the "Outlook," if he were writing for it, "A quatrain to a recreant clam," as follows:

Low dost thou lie amid the languid ooze,  
Because thy slothful spirit doth refuse  
The bliss of battle and the strain of strife.  
Rise, craven clam, and lead the strenuous life!

The toastmaster ventured the opinion that Dr. van Dyke had settled his fate as a writer, and would never have anything more accepted by the magazines.

## HERBERT SPENCER ON RELIGION.

"The Autobiography of Herbert Spencer" contains a few highly significant passages concerning his attitude toward religious faith. He writes:

In childhood the learning of hymns, always, in common with other rote-learning, disagreeable to me, did not tend to beget any sympathy with the ideas they contained; and the domestic religious observances on Sunday evenings, added to those of the day, instead of tending to foster the feeling usually looked for, did the reverse.

Memory does not tell me the extent of my divergence from current beliefs. There had not taken place any pronounced rejection of them, but they were slowly losing their hold. Criticism had not yet shown me how astonishing is the supposition that the Cause from which have arisen thirty millions of suns with their attendant planets, took the form of a man, and made a bargain with Abraham to give him territory in return for allegiance. I had not at that time repudiated the notice of a deity who is pleased with the singing of his praises, and angry with the infinitesimal beings he has made when they fail to tell him perpetually of his greatness. It had not become manifest to me how absolutely and immeasurably unjust it would be that for Adam's disobedience (which might have caused a harsh man to discharge his servant), all Adam's guiltless descendants should be damned, with the exception of a relatively few who accepted the "plan of salvation" which the immense majority never heard of. Nor had I in those days perceived the astounding nature of the creed which offers for profoundest worship a being who calmly looks on while myriads of his creatures are suffering eternal torments. But, though no definite propositions of this kind had arisen in me, it is probable that the dim consciousness out of which they eventually emerged produced alienation from the established beliefs and observations.

## DISAPPOINTED.

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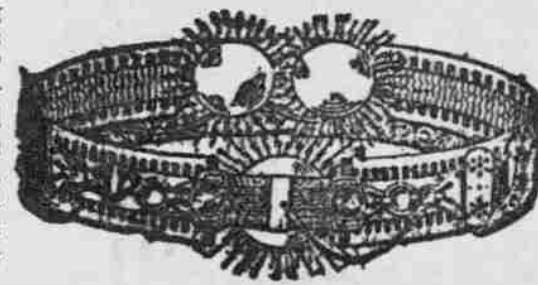
would not like to feel as big and strong as a Sandow, and I know that if you have a reasonable foundation to build upon I can make you a bigger man than you ever hoped to be. I want you to know that, you who can't believe it, and I want you to have my book in which I describe how I learned that strength was only electricity, and how I learned to restore it; also I want to tell you the names of some men who will tell you that when they came to me they were physical wrecks, and are now among the finest specimens of physical manhood.

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